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Regarding: Muskox Management Unit MX-04

Thank you for the opportunity to allow us to submit comments to the public written hearing.

Pond Inlet is the closest community geographically located to Devon Island and currently is not included as a community allocated a TAH. The community does take part in muskox harvests, however in order to do so our HTO requires to request tags from Arctic Bay, Resolute and or Grise Fiord and our harvest is based on the approval of those noted communities. Pond Inlet has in the past requested tags for both community and personal harvests.

It only seems reasonable for Pond Inlet to be included as a community allocated a TAH, so we can stop requesting and sharing tags with the noted communities. We feel that our community/HTO should be allocated its own TAH, since we do harvest muskox on Devon Island.

There are many hunters that want to partake in musk-ox harvesting as the herd is increasing, and there were increased musk-ox sightings.

Mittimatalik HTO is requesting that we start receiving a TAH of 10 tags for our community should an increase to TAH be the route taken, or, if the tag system will be eliminated Pond Inlet still wants to be a community that is allowed to partake in muskox harvests on Devon Island. We are not submitting our position on either route. We just simply want to be included as a community associated with Devon Island Muskox.

Thank you for your time, and consideration on the matter of Devon Island Muskox.

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